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1. The following data are on Soviet Border Guard and Soviet Army headquarters, units, and installations:

Border Guard Units

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hq. Azerbaydzhan Border Guard Dist	MVD, Moscow	Tbilisi
Hq. 42nd Red Banner Border Guard Otryad	Azerbaydzhan Border Guard District	Gadrut (N39-31, E47-00)

Remarks

CO: Gen Maj BANDOY (fnu).
While serving in a
zastava of the district
in June 1954, 25X1
the district 25X1
headquarters moved to
Baku. 25X1

CO: Lt Col BOCHKARYEV
(fnu) (replaced Col
BORISOV (fnu) who was
retired in March 1954).
The Deputy CO for
Political Affairs was
Col FADEYEV (fnu). 25X1
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the otryad had been
organized in the 1920s

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
			and, at that time, quelled popular riots against the border guard otryad for which it was awarded the red banner 1. [redacted] the unit had 22 subordinate zastavas.
1st Komendatura	42nd Border Guard Otryad	Mendzhevan (N39-04, E46-85)	Political Officer; Maj LAVROV (fnu).
3rd Border Guard	1st Komendatura	On USSR-Iran border, about eight kilometers from Bartaz (N38-59, E46-35). The nearest village was Kotochovka (see page 11).	CO: Sr Lt IZMAILOV (fnu).
5th Border Guard Zastava	1st Komendatura	On USSR-Iran border, one kilometer from Hq, 1st Komendatura	none
2d Komendatura	42d Border Guard Otryad	unk	unk none
3d Komendatura	42d Border Guard Otryad	unk	unk none
17th Border Guard Zastava	42d Border Guard, w/1 Komendatura	On USSR-Iran Border near Goradiz (N39-27, E47-13)	unk Personal observation while enroute to Hq, 42d Border Guard Otryad.
Border Guard NCO School	unk	Yerevan	unk [redacted] in [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] June 1954 the school was moved from Dzhebraill (N39-23, E 47-02). [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] its nine-month course had been extended to 11 months. About 35 trainees [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] were chosen for the school after the first month of basic training on the basis of education; each man had had at least six years of schooling. 25X1

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>
U/1 Border Guard Base	unk	Goradiz, about 400 m from the railroad station
<u>Army Units</u>		
U/1 Engr (?) unit	unk	Mendzhevan and Kotohovka
U/1 VNOS	unk	Kotohovka (See page 9)

Remarks

[redacted] many offi-25X1
cers, EM, and ware-
houses. [redacted] contained
food products. [redacted]
many warehouses
whose doors were sealed
and presumed that these
contained weapons.

[redacted] 25X1
total number of troops
at 1,000. A small
contingent of about
500 men, with a captain
in charge, were camped
in one large tent near
the 3d Border Guard 25X1
Zastava near Kotohovka
(see page 11) where they
repaired and laid rail-
road tracks. These
troops wore black
shoulder boards with no
branch insignia; they
had no weapons.

[redacted] the 25X1
unit had some unknown
types of artillery
(see page 8).

Personal observation.
The unit consisted of
about ten EM and was
apparently under the 25X1
command of a sergeant:

[redacted]
The EM wore army uni-
forms with black
shoulder boards and blue
piping. They were
armed with SMGs and
carbines and had no
other weapons. In the 25X1
building where the men
were quartered, [redacted]
radio with speak-
er and wall charts de-
picting US airplanes.

Caserne Locations

See page 6, [redacted] sketch of Hq, 42d Border Guard Otryad. Page 8 contains
[redacted] sketch of the caserne area of the 1st Komendatura, 42d Border Guard
Otryad; while page 11 has a sketch of the area of the 3d Border Guard Zastava
of the 1st Komendatura.

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Vehicle

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1. The 3d Border Guard Zastava had no vehicles. [redacted] about ten GAZ-51 trucks and five Willys jeeps in the compound of the 1st Komendatura and 15 GAZ-51 trucks and 10 Willys jeeps in the compound of the 42d Border Guard Otryad. 25X1 25X1

1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] the red banner as a large multicolored flag on which was emblazoned a coat-of-arms (details unknown) and the letters "SSSR". This flag was kept in the headquarters building of the Otryad but was taken out for a military-oath ceremony on 27 December 1953. 25X1 25X1

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Note: All buildings were built of stone (rubble) unless otherwise stated. Roads and paths were cobblestoned. One short section of a road near the headquarters building was asphalt. 25X1

1. } One large one-story structure built of large cinderblocks and
2. } separated into three sections: Sections 1 and 2 housed trainees
3. } while section 3 housed detachment service personnel such as cooks, chauffeurs, etc.
4. Wall and fence. The stone wall was three meters high, the barbed wire fence one meter.
5. A guarded wooden gate.
6. Electric power plant, a small one-story building which produced electricity for the compound.
7. The club and lecture hall, a large building, two stories tall.
8. Warehouse for weapons such as HMGs, LMGs, carbines, and SMGs. This warehouse was a large one-storied building.
9. A nursery for officers' children; a small one-story building.
10. Headquarters of the 42d Border Guard Otryad, a large three-storied building.
11. Officers' billets, a one-story building.
12. A mess hall for officers and EM. This building was a large one-story structure.
- 12a. A mess hall reserved for officers.
13. Dispensary and officers' billets, a large two-story building.
14. A warehouse (podval) for vegetables and meat. This building was small and one-storied.
15. Officers' billets, a medium-sized one-story building.
16. A medium-sized two-story building which contained a radio station and officers' billets.
17. A small building which served as a bathhouse.
18. An area containing officers' billets.
19. Billets for permanent party troops of the 42d Border Guard Otryad.
20. An unknown guarded building outside of the compound. 25X1
21. A garage and vehicle repair shop, a one-story stone building which held about 15 GAZ-51 trucks and about 10 Willys jeeps. 25X1
22. The bread storage building and officers' billets. This building was a wooden one-story structure.
23. A wooden stable which housed about 30 horses.
24. The PX, a one-story stone building.
25. The jail, a small one-story building surrounded by a barbed wire fence. This building was guarded.

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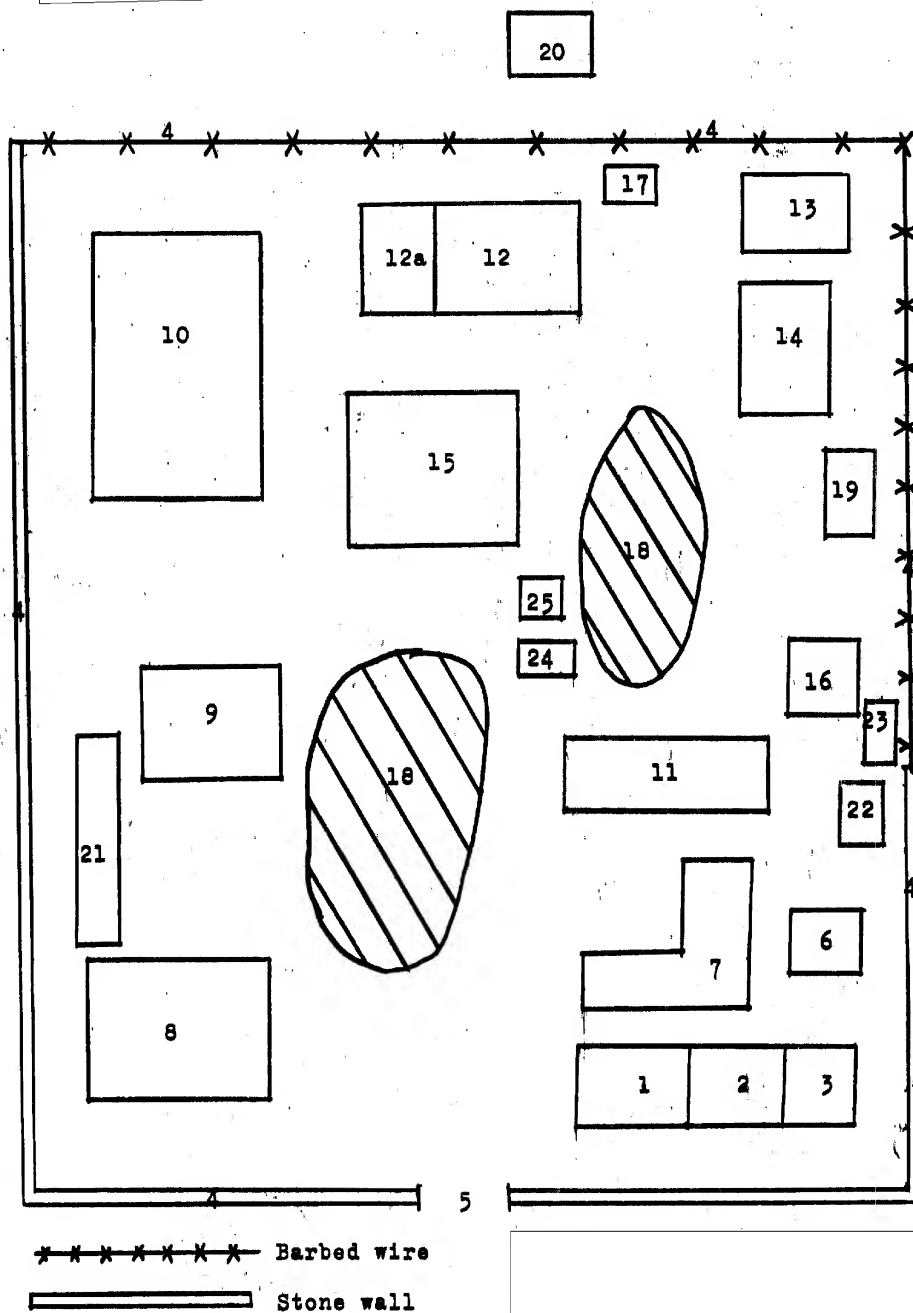
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Compound Area of the 42d Border Guard Otrvad in Gadrut

Note: Compound could not be pinpointed on map because of the unavailability of sufficiently detailed maps.

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1. Transcaucasian Railroad. [redacted] 25X1
2. The Mendzhevan railroad station.
3. A dirt road paved with cobblestones. This road was within the limits of Mendzhevan.
4. A fenced-in area which contained casernes that belonged to u/i army (?) engineer or railroad troops. The fence was wooden and about $1\frac{1}{2}$ m high.
5. A guarded gate.
6. A guarded warehouse [redacted] belonged to the u/i unit in 25X1
item 4 above. [redacted] weapons were kept here.
7. The gate to the compound of the 1st Komendatura of the 42d Border Guard Otryad.
8. A stone wall about two meters high.
9. A barbed-wire fence about $1\frac{1}{2}$ m high.
10. [redacted] 25X1
11. The PX, a small one-story building built of stone; for border guard troops, army personnel, and civilians (local population).
12. Messhall, a one-story stone building for border guard officers and EM. 25X1
13. A large one-story warehouse built of stone. Food was stored here [redacted]
14. Power plant, a small one-story stone building. [redacted]
15. Hitching posts for horses.
16. A wooden garage, one-story high, which contained about ten GAZ-51 trucks and five Willys jeeps.
17. The bakery, a one-story stone building.
18. A drinking well.
19. Komendatura headquarters and troop billets, a two-story brick building.
20. Border guard officers' billets, a two-story brick building.
21. A large wooden stable which housed about 50 horses.

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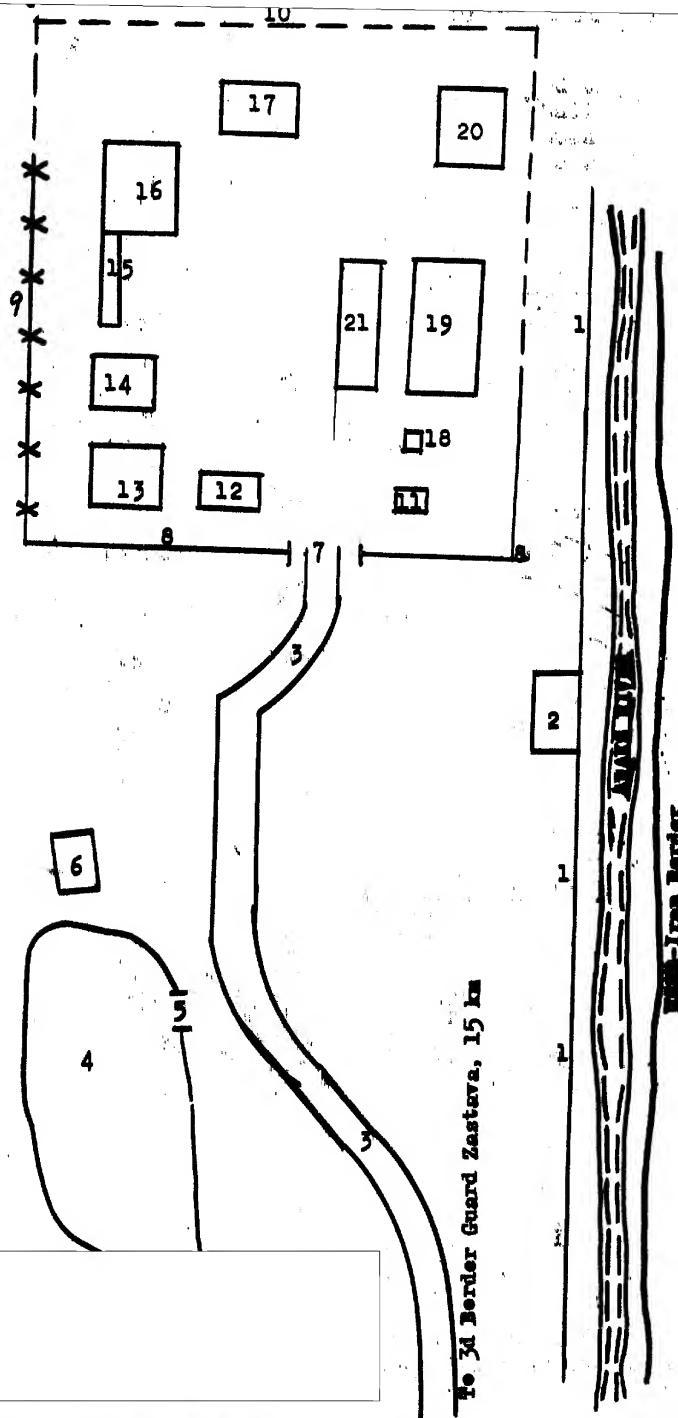
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Gaserne Area, 1st Komendatura, 42d Border Guard Otryad, Mendzhevan

Note: The village and headquarters could not be pinpointed on a map because of the non-availability of sufficiently detailed maps.

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The area around the 3d Border Guard Zastava was generally hilly (mounds).

1. A stone wall, built of rubble, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ m high.
- 2a. Gate.
2. Caserne, a large one-story stone building containing the headquarters of the 3rd Border Guard Zastava, messhall, lecture room (leninskaya komnata), billets for zastava troops, first sergeant's office, weapons, ammunition storage room, and storage room for individual weapons of troops. The CO and his family lived in section 2a on sketch.
- 2a. Zastava CO's residence, approximately 30 x 20 m.
3. A large stable built of stone which housed eight horses. The building was approximately 40 x 15 m.
4. A food storage shed, a wooden building approximately 15 x 10 m.
5. A radio station, a wooden building approximately 8 x 5 m, which was used only when telephone communications were out of order.
6. A small wooden building, 8 x 5 m, which served as a washroom.
7. A room, for drying clothes; this room was 8 x 5 m.
8. An iron watchtower, 16 m high, which was guarded in the daytime.
9. Officers' billets, a one-story three-room, stone building located about 50 m from the zastava compound.
10. Bathhouse, a one-story stone building.
1. Observation Points. Two small round stone huts each of which contained two small rooms and three windows. An individual could not stand up in these rooms, but had to sit down. One of these huts was located on a hill on the left, or east, flank of the zastava about 4.7 kilometers from the zastava compound; the second was located on a hill on the right flank about 3.3 km from the zastava compound.
2. Kotochovka, a small village of three houses, which was located about 150 m from the zastava compound.
3. A wooden kennel which housed five dogs.
4. A plowed strip (KSP - Kontrolno-sledovaya polosa) of land, about eight meters wide.
5. A point where the KSP was also supplemented, over a distance of approximately 70 m, with about 15 R-2 devices which were flares set off by a trip wire.
6. A point where the KSP was interrupted by a path or trail. Local inhabitants could take their cattle to a watering place on the Araks River through this path. Every evening, a border guard detail swept away the tracks left by the cattle.
7. An observation post (?), a medium-sized one-story wooden building with ten VNOS (aircraft observation) EM.
8. Site of a new railroad station which was to be named "Bartaz" the name of the largest village, about eight kilometers away, in this area.

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19. A dirt road which led to the nearby villages of Bartaz, Mendzhevan, and Korkuli.
20. Korkuli, a small village of three to four houses located about $1\frac{1}{2}$ km from the compound.
21. Dollokli, a village one kilometer from the observation point and five kilometers from the compound. This village consisted of about 15 houses.

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Area of 3d Border Guard Zastava, 1st Komandatura

Note: The villages and headquarters could not be pinpointed because of the non-availability of sufficiently detailed maps.

Approximate Location: 8 km from BARTAZ
(3859N-4635E)

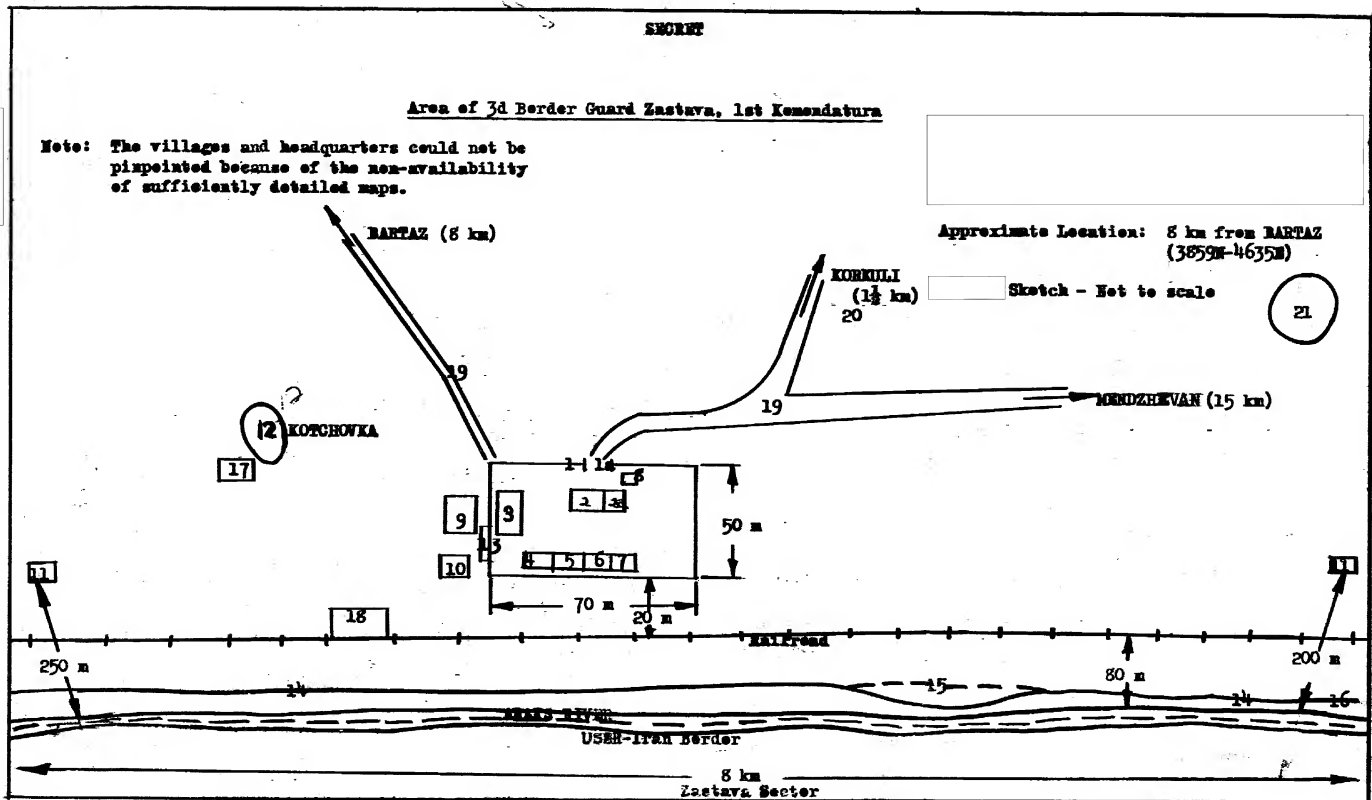
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